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DEW Announces Restructuring Plans

Will impact approximately 136 employees and take place in two phases beginning in October

In a move to align its personnel to better reflect workforce service needs due to the elimination of federal funding for the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) and Extended Benefits (EB) programs, the SC Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) today announced that it will make adjustments to agency staffing levels across the state.

Over the next few months, DEW will implement a downsizing plan that will impact an estimated 136 employees by June 2013. This plan will take place in two phases beginning in October and will include various approaches.

Agency officials remain hopeful that phase two of the program will be managed through the natural attrition that occurs within any agency when employees retire and/or resign.

“Today’s announcement is the result of difficult decisions. We have to align our workforce according to current and future projected funding streams,” said DEW Executive Director Abraham J. Turner. “Like most other states throughout the country, we are affected by a number of economic events including the reduction of federal funding due to the elimination of both the EUC and the EB programs.”

DEW is working hard to minimize the impact of decreased federal funding, and is making every effort to ensure that this transition is as seamless as possible for employees and customers.

“As we move forward, I am confident that despite this difficult time, there will be no loss of services offered to fellow citizens and businesses across the state. Our commitment to reemployment efforts, good customer service and small businesses continues to be a high priority for our agency,” said Turner.

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